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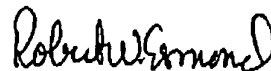
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By the foregoing amendments, claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 15-17 are sought to be entered. Support for the foregoing amendments to the claims may be found in the claims as originally filed, and throughout the specification. Support for new claims 15-17 may be found throughout the specification. Accordingly, the present amendments do not add new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, and 3-17 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8 being the independent claims.

It is believed that the present application is in condition for immediate examination. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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